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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A wheeled vehicle comprising:

a chassis;

an axle coupled to said chassis to oscillate about a longitudinal axis parallel to a direction of advance of the vehicle;

a pair of cylinders disposed between said axle and said chassis for blocking oscillation of said axle; and

a fixing assembly for fixing the cylinders to said chassis, said fixing assembly comprising a plate, a plurality of connection screws extending through said plate, at least one annular rest portion affixed in cantilever fashion to one of said chassis and said plate and constrained from movement in both a radial and axial direction relative to one of said screws by said plate and said chassis, said annular rest portion surrounding a corresponding one of said plurality of connection screws and defining a shoulder that supports said plate in a radial direction with respect to the axis of the connection screw.

2. (original) The vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein said annular rest portion defines a cylindrical shoulder coaxial to said connection screw.

3. (original) The vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein said annular rest portion forms part of a bushing fixed to said chassis and engages a cylindrical seat made in said plate.

4. (currently amended) ~~The vehicle according to Claim 3;~~ A wheeled vehicle comprising:

a chassis;

an axle coupled to said chassis to oscillate about a longitudinal axis parallel to a direction of advance of the vehicle;

a pair of cylinders disposed between said axle and said chassis for blocking oscillation of said axle; and

a fixing assembly for fixing the cylinders to said chassis, said fixing assembly

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comprising a plate, a plurality of connection screws extending through said plate, at least one annular rest portion affixed in cantilever fashion to one of said chassis and said plate, said annular rest portion surrounding a corresponding one of said plurality of connection screws and defining a shoulder that supports said plate in a radial direction with respect to the axis of the connection screw;

wherein said annular rest portion defines a cylindrical shoulder coaxial to said connection screw and forms part of a bushing fixed to said chassis and engages a cylindrical seat made in said plate; and

further wherein said bushing comprises an external annular projection set axially between said chassis and said plate and welded to said chassis.

5. (original) The vehicle according to Claim 4, wherein said bushing further comprises a centering portion set opposite to said annular rest portion and engaging a corresponding centering seat, which is formed in said chassis.

6. (original) The vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein said fixing assembly comprises a corresponding annular rest portion for each of said connection screws; there being radial play between said connection screws and the respective annular rest portions, and between said connection screws and said plate.